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Sir/ If I apprehended you right when I Spoke to you at the Lines before Savannah (respecting the Money Due to the Quarter Master and Commissary Departments of this Battalion) I think You said that You would Send up A Sum sufficient to pay off all that was Due Since the first of January and Order the Quarter Master General to Discharge all such Debts, In consequence thereof I Directed the people of this County whose Waggons or Horses had been impress'd in the Publick Service Since that Date (and lost) to apply to the Quarter Master General with their Accounts properly authenticated and Receive their Money but he has refused to pay for any Horses that has been lost except those that was entered in the Publick Service at Savanah, which has occasioned many Complaints from Such as have had their Horses taken and lost in the Service

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Of their Country— I have myself urged the Matter to Colo Wyly who tells me he cannot pay such Accounts without your Orders, I have therefore troubled you now Sir on the Subject. if You should think it Consistent with Justice or the Custom in Other States, to Order such ~~Claims~~ accounts to be paid I should be glad on account of the people that suffered by Defending their Country, and if Otherways I could wish to know your Determination on the Matter that I might inform the People what to Depend upon

I must beg leave to refer You to my Brother (who will Deliver you this) for further particulars who can fully inform You the Situation of affairs here at present— I am Sir with Much Respect Your Most Obd Servt

William Ivey

General Lincoln

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The Honrable

Major General Lincoln

Commander in Chief of

The Southern Distruct

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